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✓ CALIFORNIA

San Francisco

San Francisco (SW Cor. of 2^d
Montgomery & Commercial Sts.)

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HISTORIC VIEW

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James King of William Banking House

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NEGATIVE FILE

H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.

CAL-1822

History - The banking house was established Dec. 5, 1849 by James King (who added "of William" to distinguish himself from the other James Kings in his native Georgetown, D.C.). Unsuccessful as a financier after the 1854 Panic, James King of William became the outspoken editor of the San Francisco Bulletin, and harassed corrupt politicians - One, James P. Casey,

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City Supervisor, assassinated King in May of 1856; the incident climaxed other lawless murders and brought about the formation of the 1856 Vigilance Committee.

Description - 3-story brick, stucco and stone. Classical Revival detail in part (cornice at top). Tall, narrow windows with flattened pediments above in 2nd and 3rd stories. Round headed arched doors on first. Only two doors and windows wide.

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